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REFERENCES: A. JAKARTA 7993

B. SAIGON 9062

C. SAIGON 9469

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E. SAIGON 9884

1. AIR MARSHAL SOEDARMONO RECEIVED POL CONS AND ME
JULY 25 PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR CARACAS TO
RELIEVE PROF. MOCHTAR AS HEAD OF GOI DELEGATION (HE
EXPECTS TO ARRIVE CARACAS AUG 2 VIA NEW YORK). REF E,
WHICH EXTREMELY WELCOME, ARRIVED AFTER SOEDARMONO
MEETING.

2. IN DUSCUSSION GOI-GVN CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE,
I PASSED ON SUBSTANCE OF REF D TO SOEARMONO, INDICATING
THAT, WHILE NOT INTENDING TO BECOME INVOLVED IN MATTER,
WE HOPED INDONESIAN AND GVN DELEGATIONS IN SAIGON MIGHT
BE ABLE TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS. SOEDARMONO, WHO SEEMED
RECEPTIVE TO IDEA, STATED THAT GVN HAD REPLIED IN MAY
TO GOI MARCH INITIATIVE FOR A FURTHER MEETING, (COMMENT:
FIRST WE HAVE HEARD OF A GVN REPLY) BUT THAT PLANNING
FOR CARACAS MADE TIMING INFEASIBLE.

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3. TOWARDS CLOSE OF CONVERSATION I NOTED THAT THERE NO TRUTH IN RUMOR GVN NAVAL VESSELS OPERATING IN DIS-PUTED AREA (REF C). SOEDARMONO STATED THAT AGIP'S PLANNED OPERATIONS IN DISPUTED AREA NOW AT LOW POINT (I.E., PRESUMABLY AGIP IS STEERING CLEAR) BUT WOULD PEAK AGAIN AT A LATER DATE. SOEDARMONO ADDED THAT INDONESIANS HAVE NO PLANS TO SEND VESSELS THEMSELVES TO DISPUTED AREA. I EXPRESSED ADMIRATION FOR THIS RESTRAINT.

4. SOEDARMONO EXPLAINED ONCE MORE THAT, BECAUSE GOI DID NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SAIGON, PREVIOUS GOI EFFORTS ON SHELF DISPUTE HAD BEEN THROUGH PERTAMINA. HE DID NOT FORESEE ANY PROBLEM, HOWEVER, IN DIRECT CONTACTS WITH GOI DELEGATION IN CARACAS. I PROPOSE TO PASS INFORMATION IN REFTELS D AND E TO FOREIGN DEPARTMENT (DIRGEN DJAJADININGRAT) MONDAY, JULY 28 AND URGE HIM ALSO TO SUPPORT THIS CONTACT.
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